

Monthly Meeting of the Newaygo County Democratic Party – Minutes
October 14, 2019; 6:00 p.m., Spanky’s

Attendees: Carin Obits, Donna Dart, Harriet Kenney, Stan Opal, Liz Opal, Teresa Kpachavi, Shelly Ross, Lenore Bacon, Chris Prowant, Dallas Dean, Mary Thomas, Brian Aslakson, Robin Aslakson, Val Deur, Ellen McIntee

1. **Call to order and pledge** – 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of September minutes** – Motion to approve made by Mary Thomas, seconded by Stan Opal, motion passed.
3. **Approval of the Agenda** – Motion to approve the agenda one change noted (Val Deur, guest speaker not in attendance) was made by Mary Thomas, seconded by Stan Opal, motion passed.
4. **Chairperson remarks:** Dallas Dean
 - a. District dinner made \$4000. The next district dinner will be 03/28/20 at The Hub in Muskegon. Details to follow.
 - b. Octoberfest 10/21/19 in Grand Haven, 6-8 p.m. Dallas has tickets available - \$15/person, \$25/couple. Silent action also will be held.
 - c. Dallas was elected to the County Board of Canvassers. Stan Opal and Sally Wagoner are alternates.
5. **Vice Chair remarks:** Teresa Kpachavi
 - a. Recap of Health Forum – approximately 40 attended. It was a very informative and good discussion.
 - b. Recap of the events NCDP has held so far this year. Next year will be even bigger.
6. **Treasurer’s Report:** Jan Walsh (absent). Dallas Dean gave report (report on file). One item needs clarification. Dallas and Jan will update report and get it corrected for the file. Texas Hold’Em account balance: \$1708.38. State account balance: \$1152.83. Federal account balance: \$2071.50.
7. **Committee reports:** 2-3 minutes
 - a. **Fundraising:** Shelly Ross – Recap of Fall Family Festival. Annual Dinner May 30, 2020 at the Dogwood Center. Bryan Berghoef is confirmed as a speaker. Other details to follow.
 - b. **Take Action/Communications:** Ellen will continue to check the Newaygo County Democratic Party emails. Information about meeting for River County Chamber of Commerce members on October 16 at the Driftwood Bar and Grill was available.
8. **Unfinished Business** – Texas Hold’Em October 24-27 – still need volunteers for all dates. Signup sheet available. December Texas Hold’Em dates are December 26-29. Volunteers will be needed.
9. **Announcements:** Next meeting date – November 11, 2019 at Spanky’s, 6:00 p.m. Next District meeting November 9, 2019 at 10 a.m. in Hart.
10. **Public comments, questions and concerns:** Teresa suggested ending the meetings with a “Take Action” approach to keep everyone pumped up. Will follow this up next meeting. Note, there are local elections in November; check with your city or township.
11. **Adjournment** – Motion made by Mary Thomas to adjourn, motioned carried. Adjourned 6:30 p.m.
12. **Reconvened at 6:35** – Val Deur spoke about training opportunities to prepare people for meeting elected officials, developing relationships and communications, working with media, networking and advocating. Friends’ Community on National Elections, a Quakers Lobbying group, will hold a training session on October 29 from 3:30-6:60 p.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Fremont (potluck). For more details, or to sign up to participate, contact Val Deur, deurvaleriepaul@gmail.com
13. **Re-adjournment** – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ellen McIntee; 10/15/2019

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